



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Indiana Department of Homeland Security
Indiana Government Center South
302 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
317-232-3980

DATE: Friday, November 19, 2010

9:56 A.M.

LOCATION: St. Vincent's Hospital
North Building
10330 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46290

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Valentine (Municipal Fire)
Myron Mackey (EMTs)
Terri Hamilton (Volunteer EMS)
G. Lee Turpen II (Paramedic)
Jane Craigin (Hospital EMS)
Ed Gordon (Volunteer Fire EMS)
Rick Archer (State EMS Director)
Gary Miller (Private Ambulance)
Dr. Michael Olinger (Trauma Physicians)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. William Rutherford (Emergency Physicians)
Sue Dunham (Emergency Nurses)

OTHERS PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:56 by Chairman Gary Miller.

No action was needed by the Commission. No action was taken

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Chairman Miller gave direction to table the minutes from 9-24-2010 for corrections.

State EMS Director Report

Rick Archer was present to give the State EMS Director report. Mr. Archer stated that the EMS Forums went well and that the staff has three concerns of the EMS Community to address, communications, NES and EMT-I. Mr. Archer

stated that the online certification and testing will be in a Beta phase within the first quarter of 2011, with full implementation in the second quarter of 2011.

Mr. Archer discussed hazardous materials education stating the EMS rules do not currently require certification to the Operations Level, only training to that level. Mr. Archer noted that the commission should adopt a standard for the training and education requirements to better clarify the Commission's intentions for this training requirement. Mr. Archer encouraged the Commission to look into OSHA, other states, etc. to enact a more applicable rule or standard.

Mr. Archer stated that he is participating in national survey by National Association of EMS Officers (NASEMSO). The survey, "Snapshot," is designed to determine the EMS status and situation in all fifty states and seven territories of the United States.

Mr. Archer stated that "Vision for the Future" workshop is on hold due to date conflicts, grant funding alignments and continuing negotiations with the University.

Mr. Archer responded to the Commission's request to identify a mechanism for determining who has completed Autism Training as required. Mr. Archer proposed that IDHS require providers to attest to their employee's participation in autism training upon re-certification. Upon the provider's attestation, staff will update the computer records which can then be reported upon.

Personnel Certification Report

Renewed certifications as of November 2010

Basic EMT	570
Advanced EMT	55
EVOC Drivers	331
EVOC Instructors	0
First Responders	247
Paramedics	83
Primary Instructors	14
Intermediate EMT	13
Total	1314

STAFF REPORTS:

EMS Personnel Waiver Request

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-3-2 (1st Responder), 836 IAC 4-4-2 (EMT-B), 836 IAC 4-7.3-5 (Basic Advanced), 836 IAC 4-7.1-5 (Intermediate), 836 IAC 4-9-5 (Paramedic) due to submitting in-service late. All training was

completed prior to expiration. All expired 10-01-2010. Staff recommended approval.

Aguilera, Louis W.	(B)
Ailes, Toby	(R)
Allen, Keith E.	(P)
Allsop, Amy R.	(B)
Allsop, James M.	(B)
Batchelor, Charles W.	(A)
Bennett, Timothy N.	(B)
Bowerman, Richard	(R)
Bubelenyi, Joseph P.	(R)
Bradley, Paul L.	(B)
Caley, Steven R.	(P)
Carpenter, Brian K.	(B)
Carter, William Ray III	(A)
Charles, Ingrid	(B)
Conner, John	(R)
Corse, Thomas J.	(R)
Cree, Robert G.	(B)
Davenport, David E. II	(B)
Dudgeon, Sue A.	(B)
Fennell, Trenton M.	(R)
Fields, Melinda M.	(B)
Fisher, Melanie	(B)
Foster, Edwin T. IV	(B)
Fulk, Donald A. Sr.	(R)
Geesaman, Jeff	(R)
Glisson, Dustin L.	(A)
Gregory, Michael A.	(A)
Grubb, Mitchell	(R)
Hardesty, James	(B)
Johnson, Robert L.	(R)
Kidwell, Jason K.	(B)
Klueh, Michael S.	(P)
Lewis, Peggy	(R)
Liddy, Matthew J.	(B)
Lima Dan D.	(B)
Lovelace, Christopher M.	(B)
Mattison, Kristie K.	(B)
McLean, Sharon K.	(B)
McRee, Andrew L.	(B)
Memmer, Carlton J.	(B)
Monroe, Jeremiah I.	(B)
Mroczkiewicz, Albert P.	(I)
Mull, Brent Y.	(B)

Nordstrom, Michael W.	(B)
Oberg, Russell J.	(R)
Osborn, Harold D.	(A)
Owen, Eddie M.	(B)
Pohlman, Richard I. Jr.	(B)
Reiber, Gregory L.	(B)
Ritsema, Donald L.	(B)
Samm, Michael O.	(R)
Schultheis, Kevin M.	(B)
Simpson, Melanie M.	(B)
Sines, Adam Scott	(R)
Smith, Cathy S.	(B)
Swhier, Larry L.	(P)
Tennell, Amie Jean	(B)
VanGilder, Jerome R.	(B)
Wellman, Pamela S.	(B)
Wieczorek, Richard A. Jr.	(B)
Wirtes, Michael J.	(R)
Wilhite, Gregory Scott	(B)
Zmuda, John J.	(B)

Commissioner Olinger offered a motion to approve staff recommendation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Turpen. Motion passed.

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-3-2 (Responder), 836 IAC 4-4-2 (EMT-B), 836 IAC 4-9-5 (Paramedic) their certifications' expiration due to submitting their in-service late. All training was completed prior to expiration. All expired 07-1-2010. Staff recommended approval.

Johnson, Frederick R.	(P)
Kuehne, Tara L.	(B)
Weyerbacher, Jason	(R)

Commissioner Mackey offered a motion to approve staff recommendation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Valentine. Motion passed.

The following requested a waiver of his certifications expiration due to submitting their in-service late. All training was completed prior to expiration. Expired 07-1-2009. Staff recommended denial.

Pirtle, Jerrad	(B)
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Commissioner Olinger offered a motion to accept staff recommendation to deny the waiver request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Turpen. Motion passed.

The following requested a waiver extension of 836 IAC 4-4-2 (a) Deadline for purpose of completing renewal application. Staff recommended approval.

Stevens, Nicholas D. NREMT-B recertification course (48 hours + skills), but no application- active duty with US Army, Ft Polk, LA.

Commissioner Olinger offered a motion to approve the waiver extension. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Turpen. The motion passed.

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-4-2 (d) deadline for accruing in-service hours/skills requirements & 836 IAC 4-4-2 waiver of agency deadline due to late submission. Staff recommended denial.

Hinder, Grant J. (unspecified extension) due to school in Grand Cayman

Commissioner Olinger offered a motion to deny the extension. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Turpen. The motion passed to deny.

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-4-1 (b) deadline for purpose of completing testing requirements. Staff recommended approval.

Bockting, William EMT-Basic/Advanced candidate, anniversary date: 10/22/2010 (no specified time for extension to retest)

Lewis, Tobi Elaine EMT-B candidate, anniversary date: 10/12/2010 (no specified time for extension to retest)

Newton, Amanda EMT-B candidate, anniversary date: 10/29/2010 (requested 30 day extension for remediation & retest)

Commissioner Turpen made a motion for approval for ninety (90) days. Commissioner Mackey seconded. The motion passed.

New Boston Fire Corporation; BLS non-transport; Requests a waiver of 836 IAC 1-2-2 (a,1) Application for (provider) certification; renewal. Staff recommended approval.

Commissioner Turpen made a motion to grant approval. Commissioner Gordon seconded. The motion passed.

A discussion of certifying BLS non-transport, why, who and what purpose it serves was held. The Indiana Ambulance Association would like discuss this issue in conjunction with the Fire Association and present their findings to the

Commission because responders are held to a higher level of care and do not fall under the Good Samaritan law.

Technical Advisory Committee Report

Leon Bell

A TAC meeting was held on October 5, 2010. Recommendations were read for the record. Recommendations are listed below.

EDUCATION IN INDIANA

The TAC was tasked to review and formulate and to make recommendations on the pending revision of the National Standard Curriculum. A sub committee was formed to review the documents and bring a proposal. On October 5, the committee heard the report and debated its merits. After voting, the TAC is sending this recommendation to the Commission as its recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION ONE ADAPT THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES EDUCATION STANDARDS

<http://www.ems.gov/education/nationalstandardandnecs.html>

See pages 11, 52, and Appendix B

"Mr. Zartman referred everyone to the document regarding the National Education Standards and current state practice. After reviewing all the documents, the subcommittee recommends adopting the National Education Standards with a few additions. At the First Responder, level adding cervical collars, backboards, and the pulse oximetry/CO monitoring. It is also recommended at this level to continue with Indiana performing all the testing for First Responders. With the large numbers of first responders and this being, the entry level of EMS there was concerns that the cost of National Registry could be an issue. It is recommended that we keep the certification and recertification of the first responders with the Indiana EMS Commission and the other three levels initial certification at the National Registry. This recommendation at the other levels is due to the complexity of developing a good valid test and maintaining that test."¹

¹ Technical Advisory Committee meeting draft minute accessed November 3, 2010 10:16

1. THE TAC RECOMMENDS THAT THE COMMISSION ADOPT THE SKILLS LISTED IN THE *NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES EDUCATION STANDARDS*² AS THE MINIMUM TRAINING AND EDUCATION STANDARDS

² <http://www.ems.gov/pdf/811077a.pdf> National Emergency Medical Educational Standards accessed November 5, 2010

³ Technical Advisory Committee meeting draft minute accessed November 3, 2010 10:16

2. THE COMMISSION CONTINUE TO INCLUDE A NON-VISUALIZED AIRWAY AS PART OF THE EMT CURRICULUM

<http://www.ems.gov/education/nationalstandardandnecs.html>

See pages 11 and 52

"Mr. Bare commented that besides the non-visualized airways for the EMTs there has also been support for single lead ECG interpretation to remain in place for the Advanced EMTs."3

3. THE TAC RECOMMENDS THAT THE COMMISSION REQUIRE ANY FUTURE REQUESTS FOR ANY VARIANCES FROM THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE STANDARDS MUST INCLUDE A STATEWIDE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

4. THE TAC RECOMMENDS TO THE EMS COMMISSION THAT ON JANUARY 1, 2012 THAT STUDENTS MAY TEST AT THE NATIONAL REGISTRY FOR THE EMT, ADVANCED EMT, OR PARAMEDIC; AND THAT EMT STUDENTS MAY TEST AT THE STATE LEVEL OR THE NATIONAL REGISTRY. BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2013 ALL THE TESTING **EXCEPT EMR** WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE NATIONAL REGISTRY LEVEL.

☐ Beginning in 2013 the Commission use as its testing bureau the National Registry of EMTs.

☒ The testing would be at all levels except EMR.

5. THE TAC RECOMMENDS THAT THE COMMISSION ADAPT TESTING STANDARD FOR EMR AT A STATE LEVEL TO BE MANAGED BY THE CERTIFICATION SECTION

RECOMMENDATION **TWO** OVERSIGHT OF INTERMEDIATE EMT

1. THE TAC RECOMMENDS THAT THE COMMISSION LET LAPSE THE EMT INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATION

Over a period of years in the absence of training and education and the attrition of the certified work force will allow this certification to pass on.

2. THAT THE EMS COMMISSION TRANSITION INTERMEDIATE EMTS FROM THE CURRENT CERTIFICATION STATUS TO EMT-P LEVEL BY A BRIDGE COURSE
Emergency Medical Services Commission, at the meeting on September 27, 2010, approved a request from Ivy Tech, Evansville, to teach an EMT-I to EMT-P "bridge" course based on a course curriculum submitted to the Commission with their request to approve the course. The Commission approved the course as a pilot program. That a program at the conclusion of the course makes recommendations to the commission as to whether the curriculum should be adopted by the Commission has approved for this pilot program, or suggest alternative curriculum that ensures course participants meet the following goals:

A path to paramedic certification is not achieved without attaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities, including critical thinking skills, as required through the current Commission approved paramedic course curriculum.

The requirement that paramedics are taught by an accredited training institution is achieved

The Commission also assigned the Commission's Technical Advisory Commission to:

Assign two members with EMS Education experience to monitor the course.

3. IN REPORTING AT THE OCTOBER 5TH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE TAC MADE THE FOLLOWING ASSIGNMENTS

a. DAY TO DAY OVERSIGHT - SHERRY FETTERS

b. OVERALL OVERSIGHT- JOHN ZARTMAN LEON BELL

☐ Report to the Commission on the progress of the course and its success and areas for improvements.

4. TO ACCOMPLISH THE TASK THE TAC MADE A SET OF PROGRAMMATIC RECOMMENDATIONS TO FACILITATE A FULL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION:

- a. THAT THE TAC REVIEW IN-CLASS MODULE EXAMINATION SCORES AND PSYCHOMETRIC OUTCOMES SUCH AS MEAN, MEDIAN, MODE, STANDARD DEVIATION, KR 20 SCORES
- b. THAT IVTC EVANSVILLE PROVIDE A REPORT FROM CONFIRMING CLINICAL COMPETENCIES
- c. THAT IVTC EVANSVILLE PROVIDE A COPY THE RESULTS OF THE COAEMSP STUDENT RESOURCE SURVEY INSTRUMENT COMPLETED AT THE END OF THE COURSE
- d. THAT THE TAC INTERVIEW EACH STUDENT UPON COMPLETION OF CLASS
- e. THAT IVTC EVANSVILLE PERFORM A PROGRAM EVALUATION AT THE COMPLETION OF THE COURSE FOR REVIEW BY THE TAC
- f. THAT MEMBERS OF THE TAC OBSERVE THE NATIONAL REGISTRY FIRST HAND
- g. THAT MEMBERS OF THE TAC INTERVIEW THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR AT THE COMPLETION OF THE COURSE

5. THE TAC RECOMMENDS THAT IVTC EVANSVILLE PROVIDE A COPY OF THE COURSE APPLICATION TO THE TAC AS PART OF THE COMMISSION APPROVAL PROCESS

6. THE TAC RECOMMENDS THAT THE IVTC EVANSVILLE PROVIDE A NREMT PARAMEDIC EXAMINATION PASS-FAIL REPORT OF THE UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE.

7. THAT IVTC EVANSVILLE PROVIDE A COPY OF THE COAEMSP ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATE TO THE TAC AND THE COMMISSION

The TAC requested that the Commission have reciprocity researched at the next TAC meeting, on December 7, 2010.

The TAC stated that a bridge course is needed and posed the question of "is it possible?" Staff was directed to research the legalities of such a course.

Staff was directed to post the TAC recommendations on the website. Lee Turpen is acting as liaison to Ivy Tech Evansville on the bridge course.

TAC recommended suspension of new EMT-BA courses for the same reason the Commission directed staff to not approve new EMT-I courses at the last meeting. Counsel informed Commission that the Commission cannot suspend course approvals, under its current rules.

Commission directed staff to resume approval of new EMT-I courses and continue to approve new EMT-BA Courses; but, such approvals are to be

accompanied with a letter requiring the Training Institution to inform potential students that these certification levels may be eliminated as part of a transition to the new National Education Standards.

Commissioner Turpen made a motion to allow EMT-I and EMT-BA courses. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mackey. Motion passes.

Commissioner Turpen made a motion to have a letter requiring a signature of the EMT-BA or EMT-I candidate's signature and to be returned with the Report of Training. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Craig. Motion passed.

Myron seeked clarification hee-letter clarified

EMS FOR CHILDREN

Report

Dr. Elizabeth Weinstein reported that the response to a survey sent out was very positive and yielded good results. She recommended that the data be sent to the TAC for recommendations to the commission.

EMS PROVIDER CERTIFICATION REPORT

Rescue Squad Organization	8
Basic Life Support Non-Transport	490
Ambulance Service Provider	113
EMT Basic- Advanced Organization	29
EMT Basic- Advanced Organization Non-Transport	15
EMT Intermediate Organization	06
EMT Intermediate Organization Non- Transport	00
Paramedic Organization	185
Paramedic Organization Non- Transport	10
Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	20
Fixed Wing Air Ambulance	03

Total 879

No action was needed by the Commission. None was taken.

Rule Violations Investigation Report

No report submitted

TRAUMA COMMITTEE **REPORT**

No action needed

EMS DATA REGISTRY

Mark Nelson submitted a report for informational purposes only.

No action needed

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

Jesse D. Harmon has appealed

Commissioner Mackey made a motion for issue a probationary certification. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gordon. The motion passed.

Administrative Law Judge Decisions

Counsel Snyder and Commissioner Archer Abstain from all ALJ votes

Denial of Certification

David Butts

Commissioner Craigin made a motion to affirm the decision on David Butts. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Olinger. Motion passed to affirm the ALJ decision.

Timothy C. Clark

Commissioner Mackey made a motion to refer Timothy C. Clarks back to the Administrative Law Judge for further review. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valentine. Motion passed to return to the ALJ.

Frederico Allen Conn II

Commissioner Mackey made a motion to affirm the decision on Frederico Allen Conn II. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Olinger. Motion passed to affirm the ALJ decision.

Justin Cook

Commissioner Olinger to affirm the decision on Justin Cook. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gordon. Motion to affirm the ALJ decision passed.

Katie Cross

Commissioner Mackey made a motion to affirm the decision on Katie Cross. Motion seconded by Commissioner Turpen. Motion to affirm the ALJ decision passed.

Cameron Haywood

Commissioner Mackey made a motion to grant a probationary certification. Motion seconded Commissioner Gordon. Motion to grant a probationary certification passed.

Denial of Recertification

Kyle Epler

Commissioner Olinger made a motion to affirm the decision. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Valentine. Motion to affirm the decision passed.

Emergency Suspension

Samaritan Ambulance

Commissioner Olinger made a motion to affirm the decision. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. Motion to affirm the decision passed.

Suspension of Certification

Jodi Casto

Commissioner Mackey made a motion to affirm the decision. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Valentine. Motion to affirm the decision passed.

Order of Dismissal

Kimberly Rene Gehring

Commissioner Mackey made a motion to affirm the decision. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gordon. Motion to affirm the decision passed.

Old Business

Title 836 #10-628

The proposed rule was discussed and staff was directed by the chairman to seek clarification on the Trauma Rule.

Status of LSA Document #10-361 Late Recertification Rule

Staff stated that a public hearing is scheduled for December 17, 2010 and that the rule has been approved by the State Budget Agency.

New Business

Honorary Certification

Lieutenant Richard E. Drake II

Commissioner Gordon made a motion to grant the Honorary Certification. Commissioner Turpen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

PFFUI

Tony Murray

State Representative Tim Brown drafted legislation to change paramedics to a license from a certification. The PFFUI support the proposed bill, change in terminology and will vote on it in the next session. Testimony at a public hearing on the proposed bill was discussed, general consensus is that the EMS Commission should remain the ruling body over paramedics.

Waiver

Keener Township Waiver

Commissioner Archer made a motion to table this until more information can be presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Mackey. Motion passed.

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT and DIRECTION:

Staff was directed to research a terminology change on paramedics.

2011 EMS COMMISSION MEETING DATES

EMS Commission Meetings for 2011

January 21, 2011- Brownsburg Fire Territory
 470 E. Northfield Drive
 Brownsburg, IN 46112

March 18, 2011- Indiana Government Center South- Auditorium
 302 W Washington St
 Indianapolis, IN 46204

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Approved Gary Miller
Gary Miller, Chairman